

193A—19.3(542C,79GA,ch55) AP licenses and permits to practice. 2001 Iowa Acts, chapter 55, creates a new license of licensed public accountant (LPA) to replace the current license of accounting practitioner (AP). A person holding a license as an LPA may practice nonattest public accounting using the title “LPA” without the need for a separate individual permit to practice. An LPA wishing to use the title “LPA” in a firm name, however, may do so only within an LPA firm which holds a firm permit to practice.

19.3(1) *AP license holders deemed qualified.* A person holding an AP license in full force and effect on July 1, 2002, is deemed qualified to hold an LPA license under the Iowa Accountancy Act of 2001.

19.3(2) *Licenses remain valid.* An AP license issued prior to July 1, 2002, remains valid on and after July 1, 2002, if properly renewed and in good standing. Such license shall be treated for all purposes as an LPA license and shall be renewed as an LPA license. The board shall issue at no charge a replacement license reflecting the new LPA title and retaining the previously issued license number.

19.3(3) *Biennial renewal.* An AP license issued prior to July 1, 2002, will be renewed as an LPA license on a biennial schedule:

a. Licenses held by persons whose last names begin with A to K expire on June 30, 2002, if not renewed on or prior to June 30, 2002. The biennial renewal fee for the period between July 1, 2002, and June 30, 2004, is \$100.

b. Licenses held by persons whose last names begin with L to Z expire on June 30, 2003, if not renewed on or prior to June 30, 2003. The biennial renewal fee for the period between July 1, 2003, and June 30, 2005, is \$100.

19.3(4) *Reinstating lapsed licenses.* An AP license which has lapsed may be restored to active status at any time prior to July 1, 2002, upon the board’s receipt of a proper application accompanied by a reinstatement fee of \$100, prorated renewal fee, and evidence of completion of satisfactory continuing education. A person who fails to reinstate a lapsed AP license to active status prior to July 1, 2002, must reapply for an LPA license, pay applicable application and reinstatement fees, and satisfy continuing education requirements, but the person will be deemed to be qualified for an LPA license.

19.3(5) *Continuing education.* Continuing education requirements applicable to a person holding an AP license shall remain applicable to a person holding an LPA license. In addition, an LPA who issues compilation reports shall complete compilation continuing education as provided in subrule 19.4(2).

19.3(6) *Peer review.* Commencing July 1, 2002, an LPA license holder who issues compilation reports other than through a CPA firm or LPA firm which holds a firm permit to practice is required to complete compilation peer review as a condition of license renewal. Peer review requirements are described in rule 193A—19.5(542C,79GA,ch55).

19.3(7) *Permits to practice phased out.* As of July 1, 2002, the board will no longer issue or renew individual permits to practice. Permits to practice will continue to be issued to LPA firms as described in subrule 19.3(8).

19.3(8) *Firm permits to practice.* Firm permits to practice are renewed annually and expire June 30, 2002. Every firm must file an initial application for a firm permit to practice for the period beginning July 1, 2002.

a. Initial firm permits to practice will be issued for the period beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003.

b. An application for an initial firm permit to practice will be deemed timely and, if granted, be effective as of July 1, 2002, if hand-delivered or postmarked by July 31, 2002. Application forms for firm permits to practice will be available by May 15, 2002, and may be filed prior to enactment of the new law.

c. An LPA firm holding or having held a firm permit to practice issued prior to July 1, 2002, is deemed to qualify for a firm permit to practice under the Iowa Accountancy Act of 2001.

d. Firm permits to practice will be renewed annually on a fiscal year ending June 30. The initial application fee will be \$50. The annual renewal fee will be \$50.